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S E C R E T ISLAMABAD 2992

FOR ASST. SECRETARY SISCO FROM CHARGE

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PK (PRES. BHUTTO)

SUBJ: DATES FOR BHUTTO VISIT

REFS: A) ISLAMABAD 2993; B) ISLAMABAD 2530

C) STATE 52685

1. DURING MY APRIL 11 MEETING WITH PRES. BHUTTO AT MURREE (FIRST REFTEL), HE ASKED WHETHER SPECIFIC DATES HAD YET BEEN SET FOR HIS VISIT TO US. HE MENTIONED THIS IN CONNECTION WITH REVEALING HIS PLAN TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS PROBABLY IN AUGUST, SAYING THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO ANNOUNCE ELECTION DATE JUST PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR US. HE WOULD WANT TO AVOID ANY UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE HAD BEEN INFLUENCED ON THIS SUBJECT BY USG, AS MIGHT HAPPEN IF HE ANNOUNCED ELECTIONS JUST FOLLOWING RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. BHUTTO ALSO TOLD ME THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS ELECTION PLANNING AND OTHER UPCOMING DOMESTIC COMMITMENTS, HE WAS THINKING OF DROPPING EARLIER PLANS TO VISIT TOKYO ENROUTE TO US.

2. I SAID I DID NOT YET HAVE SPECIFIC DATES FOR HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO US, ALTHOUGH I HAD BEEN INFORMED THEY WERE BEING ACTIVELY EXPLORED. I PROMISED TO SEND A MESSAGE ON THE SUBJECT.

3. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL ME
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